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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPAND THE RAIL SYSTEM  
TO WAIKIKI AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA BY  
LIMITING THE NUMBER OF RAIL STATIONS ON THE GUIDEWAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation  
2 ("HART") was established as a semi-autonomous public transit  
3 authority, approved by voters in 2010, and is responsible for  
4 planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of  
5 the City and County of Honolulu fixed guideway system; and  
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7 WHEREAS, studies for HART's mass transit system show that  
8 if the track guideway is extended about ten miles to include  
9 Waikiki and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, there would be a  
10 reduction in gridlock on the H-1 freeway; and  
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12 WHEREAS, thirty-five percent of construction for rail  
13 transit is being paid for with funds from the Federal Transit  
14 Administration; twenty-three percent is being paid by tourists  
15 visiting Oahu as part of the existing one-half percent general  
16 excise tax surcharge; and forty-two percent is being paid by  
17 Oahu residents and businesses through the general excise tax  
18 surcharge; and  
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20 WHEREAS, in December 2012, HART Chief Executive Officer Dan  
21 Grabauskas revised the HART project cost status for the proposed  
22 twenty mile guideway to \$1,115,000,000, or \$557,500,000 per ten  
23 miles of guideway; and  
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25 WHEREAS, if HART extends the guideway to Waikiki and the  
26 University of Hawaii at Manoa, the cost would total  
27 \$1,665,000,000; and  
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29 WHEREAS, if the State gives the City and County of Honolulu  
30 \$350,000,000 of the surcharge revenues currently being withheld  
31 by the state pursuant to section 248-2.6, Hawaii Revised  
32 Statutes, and if HART limits the number of the costly stations



1 to only the major "must have" stations along the guideway, HART  
2 would have the needed funds to build the last ten miles of the  
3 entire thirty mile project and give Oahu a truly revolutionary  
4 way to travel and cut down on gridlock; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
9 Honolulu is urged to expand the rail system to Waikiki and the  
10 University of Hawaii at Manoa by limiting the number of rail  
11 stations on the guideway and using additional state tax  
12 revenues; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance is  
15 requested to transfer all but \$1,000,000 of the funds collected  
16 from the general excise tax surcharge to the City and County of  
17 Honolulu for the extension of the track guideway; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$1,000,000 withheld from  
20 the general excise tax surcharge go to the Department of  
21 Taxation for any costs incurred in the collection of the one-  
22 half percent general excise tax surcharge; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of  
26 the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Taxation, Director  
27 of Finance, and Chief Executive Officer of the Honolulu  
28 Authority for Rapid Transportation.

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31 OFFERED BY: Erzanne Conn Oakland

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